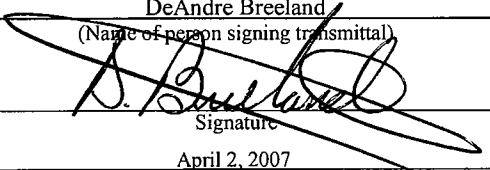


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on January 5, 2007, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on April 5, 2007, Applicants request the Examiner to consider the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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